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CHEROKEE - FOR SECRETARY FROM CHARLES W. ROBINSON

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH IRAN

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1. IMMEDIATELY UPON MY RETURN HAVE INITIATED ACTION YOU DIRECTED ON CLOSE HOLD BASIS WORKING WITH IRVING, VEST AND BARTHOLOMEW. WE WILL HAVE ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPLEMENTING PROPOSALS READY UPON YOUR RETURN.

2. MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF PROPOSAL, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IN EFFECT ASSURES U.S. OF RIGHT TO INSIST UPON EXCHANGE OF RADIATED FUEL FOR FRESH FUEL, IS THAT IT IS IN GENERAL LINE WITH ALTERNATIVES CURRENTLY BEING EXAMINED IN WHITE HOUSE TASK FORCE STUDY. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ASSURE SOME COORDINATION WITH THIS STUDY THAT IS DUE OUT AUGUST 31, AND I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU ON YOUR RETURN WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT DO THIS.

3. REGARDING IRANIAN PROPOSAL THAT U.S. BEAR COMMERCIAL
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RISK, I.E., IRAN'S EXCESS COSTS OF REPROCESSING, I NOTE

YOUR ASSUMPTION THAT THIS WILL COST THE U.S. I DO NOT REGARD THIS AS NECESSARY CONCLUSION THOUGH OBVIOUSLY IT WILL DEPEND ON FORMULA AND FACTS OF ARRANGEMENTS MADE.

FOR EXAMPLE, IF WE ASSUME THAT REPROCESSING IN THE U.S. WOULD BE LESS EXPENSIVE THAN IN IRANIAN FACILITY BECAUSE OF ECONOMIES OF SCALE, THE OUTCOME SHOULD BE A GAIN TO IRAN AT NO NET COST TO THE U.S.

4. CONCERNING RELIABILITY OF OUR SUPPLY AND ASSURANCES THAT WE MIGHT OFFER, WE ARE CONSIDERING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES BEARING PARTICULARLY ON THE ROLE OF NRC, INCLUDING POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL AS WELL AS CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS AND AFFIRMATIONS.

5. I AGREE THAT IT WILL BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR YOU PERSONALLY TO MEET WITH KEY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AS YOU SUGGESTED, WHICH SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN FOSTERING A MORE REALISTIC CONGRESSIONAL APPROACH TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION PROBLEM. ROBINSON

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